

## Installation RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Disconnect electric power to the machine and/or heaters prior to installing or replacing heaters.
2. Do not install heaters in areas where combustible gases, vapor, or dust is present.
3. Use as many narrow band heaters as the application will permit; 2" through 3" wide heaters are recommended.
4. Using a heater that closely matches the wattage requirements will decrease the frequency of cycling and temperature overshoot, thereby increasing the life of the heater.
5. Make certain that all barrel surfaces are clean and have a smooth finish. Any contaminants or imperfections on the surface can cause premature heater failure.
6. Tempco expandable type Mi-Plus Band Heaters may be opened once at the gap, to fit on the barrel. Do not open these heaters beyond their specified heater diameter.



*Do not open Tempco One-Piece Non-Expandable Type Mi-Plus Band Heaters. Opening of these heaters can damage Mi-Plus Insulation and will create electrical short circuits.*

7. Position heater bands on the barrel.
8. Securely tighten heater bands around the barrel. Clamping force must be equally distributed on heaters with more than one set of clamping brackets.  
*Recommended Clamping Bolt Torque:  
50-60 in./lbs.*
9. For heaters with screw terminals, remove the top nut and flat washers from the power screw terminals. Do not remove or loosen the bottom nut on the power screw terminals. The bottom nut is pre-torqued at our factory. A loose bottom nut will create an internal high resistance connection and will result in premature heater failure.

### Installation Accessories Available

#### IMMEDIATE DELIVERY!

- \* High Temperature Terminal Lugs
- \* Igloo Ceramic Insulating Covers
- \* UL Listed Plugs
- \* High Temperature Lead Wire 842°F (450°C)
- \* Armor Cable
- \* Stainless Steel Braid
- \* High Temperature Sleeving
- \* High Temperature Mica Insulated Wiring Harnesses 842°F (450°C)
- \* High Temperature Mica Insulated Wiring Harnesses 1022°F (550°C)
- \* Thermocouples
- \* Temperature Controllers
- \* High Temperature Fiberglass Tape

*All Items Available from Stock*

10. All electrical wiring of heater bands should be done by a qualified electrician.
  - a. Use only Stainless Steel or other high temperature lugs to prevent material degradation when exposed to high temperatures over a prolonged period of time.



**DO NOT USE COPPER OR PLATED COPPER LUGS.**

- b. Use an open ended wrench to hold bottom nut as the wiring nut is torqued.
  - c. Heaters must be wired using the proper gauge wire with a minimum temperature rating of 842°F (450°C). All Mi-Plus Heaters supplied with lead wire terminations or factory pre-wired screw terminals use mica insulated lead wires rated to 842°F (450°C).



**Never allow lead wires to lie directly on the heater surface.**

- d. When connecting power leads to screw terminals make certain that barrels of terminal lugs are not facing down toward the heater case, which will create a short circuit.

*Recommended Screw Terminal Torque:  
25 in./lbs.*

- e. Make certain power lead wires do not make contact with hot heater surfaces to avoid degradation of lead wire, as this can cause electrical short circuits.
  - f. Make sure the voltage input to the heater bands does not exceed the voltage rating that is stamped on the heater bands.
  - g. It is recommended that an amperage reading is taken for each heater to verify proper wiring. (Amps = Watts/Volts)
11. Insulate all live electrical wires per applicable safety standards.
12. Begin heater band re-tightening procedure. Be sure to wear protective gloves.
  - a. Energize heater bands and allow the heater sheath to reach 400°F. This usually takes between 3 and 5 minutes.
  - b. Turn power off and immediately re-tighten the Mi-Plus Bands to 50-60 in./lbs. Turn power on.
13. Install shrouds around the machine to meet applicable safety requirements.
14. Once installed, check surroundings to make sure that contaminants won't get on the heater while the unit is in operation. Accumulation of contaminants on heaters can cause premature heater failure.
15. Insulating blanket installations must have band heater retightening sequence (#12) completed before blanket installation. Lead wires must exit the insulation blanket as soon as possible; do not entrap lead wires between heater sheath and insulation blanket.



It is imperative that upon start-up of new machines at customer facilities, all of the aforementioned parameters are double checked by qualified field service personnel.

**Exposed electrical wiring on band heater installations is a violation of Electrical Safety Codes including O.S.H.A.**